

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 32 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner finally rejected the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katta *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,353,444) hereinafter 'Katta' in view of Farris *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,617,253) hereinafter 'Farris'.

For the reasons set forth more fully below, Applicants respectfully submit that the final rejection is improper inasmuch as the invention should be considered patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

As mentioned previously, the present invention addresses the need in the art for a system or method for providing an instant replay capability for mobile receivers. In a most general implementation, the inventive system is a receiver adapted to receive a transmitted signal and provide an instantaneous output signal in response thereto. The inventive receiver includes a medium (electronic or physical) for storing at least a portion of the received signal. In accordance with present teachings, the inventive receiver selectively outputs either a stored selection or the receive signal in response to user input (i.e. a replay signal).

In the illustrative embodiment, the receiver is a satellite digital audio radio service receiver having a radio frequency tuner and audio decoder. The system controller is a microprocessor that causes the system to store each selection as it is received. In the best mode, this is facilitated by the transmission and reception of a start of selection signal and an end of selection signal. The replay signal is provided via a user interface. Software running on a microprocessor includes code for detecting the presence of the instant replay signal. On detection of the replay signal, the software causes the system to output the stored selection.

The invention is set forth in Claims of varying scope, of which Claim 1 is illustrative. Claim 1 reads as follows:

1. A mobile receiver comprising:
first means for receiving a transmitted signal and providing an instantaneous output signal in response thereto;
second means for storing at least a portion of said received signal;
third means for providing a replay signal; and
fourth means for selectively outputting said stored portion of said received signal or said instantaneous output signal in response to said replay signal
said first, second, third and fourth means being disposed on a common mobile platform. (Emphasis added.)

None of the references, including those cited but not applied, taken alone or in combination, teach the invention as presently claimed. That is, none of the references teach, disclose or suggest a mobile receiver having means for receiving a transmitted signal, means for storing a portion of the received signal and means for selectively outputting the stored signal on command all mounted on a common mobile platform.

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner cited Katta and suggested that with the exception of the receiving means, storing means, replay and selection means being disposed on a common platform, Katta teaches the invention as presently claimed.

To address this shortcoming, the Examiner cited Farris and suggested that

"Farris *et al.* teaches receiving means, storing means, replay and selection means disposed on a common mobile terminal which is considered as the claimed (mobile platform)"

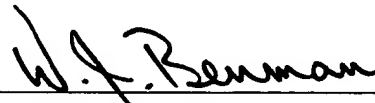
However, the combined teachings of Farris and Katta clearly do not teach or suggest a mobile receiver having: 1) means for receiving a transmitted signal and providing an instantaneous output signal in response thereto; 2) means for storing at least a portion of the transmitted signal; 3) **means for providing a replay signal**; and 4) **means for selectively outputting the stored portion of the received signal or the instantaneous output signal in response to the replay signal** all mounted on a mobile platform as presently claimed.

The Examiner consistently refuses to afford patentable weight to the express limitations of Applicants' claims. That is, the combined teaching still fails to teach the provision of an instant replay signal or means for selectively outputting the stored portion of the received signal or the instantaneous output signal in response to the replay signal.

Accordingly, reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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